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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT MEETING: PRESIDENTIAL BILATERAL WITH EC
OFFICIALS ORTOLI AND SOAMES

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1. PHILIPPE DE MARGERIE, ORTOLI'S CHEF DE CABINET, INDICATED THAT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD BE AT LEAST TWO US OFFICIALS PRESENT IN ADDITION TO THE PRESIDENT, ORTOLI AND SOAMES WOULD LIKE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY EDMUND WELLENSTEIN, EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, AND BY DE MARGERIE AT THE MEETING BETWEEN 6:00 AND 6:30 P.M. MAY 30.

2. DE MARGERIE ALSO ASKED WHEN IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO ANNOUNCE THE MEETING BETWEEN ORTOLI-SOAMES AND THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD WISH TO COORDINATE A SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. WE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION IS RECEIVING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF INQUIRIES ON WHETHER A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND ORTOLI WILL TAKE PLACE AND THEREFORE HOPES TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EARLY PART OF NEXT WEEK. PLEASE INSTRUCT. GREENWALD

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